

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Kendal in Bloom Committee

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT Councillors Geoff Cook (Chair), Lynne Oldham (Vice Chair), Clare Feeney-Johnson, Philip Walker and John Willshaw.  
Co-opted Members Tony Rothwell (Kendal Civic Society) and Deborah Wright (SLDC)
- APOLOGIES Co-opted Member Martin Oldham – Horticare
- OFFICERS Liz Richardson (Town Clerk), Mike Shaw (Town Handyman) and Janine Holt (Temporary Administrative Officer).
- 058/13/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations were received at this point.
- 059/13/14 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**  
RESOLVED that Councillor Lynne Oldham be re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2013/14.
- 060/13/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**  
The Chairman welcomed Ms Deborah Wright from SLDC and Councillor Philip Walker who are new members of the Committee and introductions around the table were made.
- 061/13/14 REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
Members considered the Committee's Terms of Reference with view to deciding whether any changes were required. None were suggested.  
RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference, as presented, be approved.
- 062/13/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**  
The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013, which had been approved by full council on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013.  
RESOLVED that, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013 be accepted as a correct record.
- MATTERS ARISING (NOT ON AGENDA)**
- 063/13/14 New Four Tier Planters at the Birdcage (Minute 686/12/13)**  
Mike Shaw informed the group that the new planters are ready for use with the summer planting but it was unlikely that the old planters would be planted up with Summer plants. It was acknowledged that plants need to be ordered at least six months in advance. The new location for the planters also needs to be finalised.  
Following on from the above, the Town Clerk informed the Committee that Elephant Yard had purchased new planters this meant another two planters were available but they didn't match the Town Council's other planters in colour.

A general discussion was held about the siting of these planters and it was agreed that it would be discussed at greater length at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the siting of the spare planters and ordering of plants would be an agenda item later on in the year (after the KIB competition).

### **KENDAL IN BLOOM 2013**

#### **064/13/14 Update on Entry Forms –**

Janine Holt reported that the following entries had been received to date:-

- Domestic Gardens – 24 entries
- Floral Displays – 4 entries
- Communal Areas – 4 entries
- Sustainable – 5 entries.
- Commercial – 7 entries

Janine Holt informed the group that there was a few more days for entries to come in. A reminder email had been sent to all Councillors who had not responded, asking them to make at least 2 nominations from their Wards.

#### **065/13/14 Judges for Each Category –**

Janine Holt circulated a table of the agreed judges for each category. After the competition closing date Janine Holt will distribute all the relevant information to the judges. It was stressed that photographs were a very important part of the judging and at the Awards Ceremony. The office camera could be utilised for this use.

RESOLVED

1. Janine Holt will disseminate information to judges week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013.
2. Janine Holt will co-ordinate the booking out of the office camera.

#### **067/13/14 Sponsorship Donations to Date-**

To date the total amount of donations is £1565.00. The Westmorland Horticultural Society has pledged a donation of £50.00 towards the schools competition prize. We are awaiting formal approval after their meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

Various suggestions from around the table were received with regard to future sponsorship. Councillor Feeney-Johnson suggested liaising with Derek Armstrong who may be able to assist in emailing businesses or providing us with contact details of who to approach. It was acknowledged though that seeking further sponsorship at this point was not a priority but would be done if time permitted.

Councillor Willshaw was meeting with Peter Fletcher, Marketing Consultant and the Committee suggested maybe approaching him for suggestions for company the schools competition.

RESOLVED

1. Councillor John Willshaw agreed to approach Peter Fletcher for possible sponsorship for the schools competition.

2. Janine Holt to contact Derek Armstrong to seek assistance in contacting possible sponsors.

**068/13/14****Preparations for Competition including School Challenge.**

The preparations were ongoing and the Awards Evening is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013. Janine Holt will finalise arrangements for the schools competition this week.

RESOLVED

1. Janine Holt contact the schools and confirm the date and time of judging and liaise with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to confirm judging date and details of the schools competition.
2. Janine Holt to include a request on the Awards Ceremony invitation for raffle prizes on the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013 and send a reminder to all Town Council members.

**CUMBRIA IN BLOOM 2013****069/13/14****Judging Date –**

To date the judging date is still unconfirmed. The judge is expected to contact us directly this week.

RESOLVED

1. Janine Holt will contact the CIB office if the date hasn't been received.

**070/13/14****Finalise the Route-**

A general discussion was held and some changes to the route were noted. Tony Rothwell reported that there are still weeds at Abbot Hall Park. It was acknowledged that Councillor Clare has a special interest in this area and has some funding available via the County Council. A request was made to SLDC to plant up the area near Nether Bridge before the CIB judging

RESOLVED

1. Town Clerk will amend the route and circulate the final copy to members.
2. Deborah Wright will provide feedback on the area around Nether Bridge and with regard to the weeds at Abbot Hall and liaise directly with Councillor Clare.

**071/13/14****Arrangements for the Day-**

Arrangements for the day will be finalised and confirmed once the date of judging has been received.

RESOLVED

Janine Holt will confirm arrangements when the judging date has been received.

**072/13/14****NEWS ON COMMUNITY PLANTING SCHEMES**

The Kirkbarrow Scheme is a work in progress and the Sandylands Scheme has finished but was less successful than hoped. It was agreed to revisit this item later in the year

**073/13/14****KENDAL GARDEN TRAILS**

Councillor John Willshaw presented a flyer to the group which had been developed by Margot Agnew who is a judge for Kendal in Bloom. The suggestion was for the flyer to be put through the doors of each of the domestic gardens whilst they are judging. During the wider discussion it was suggested that the category of commercial premises should also be included in the leaflet drop. At this stage the flyers are being distributed to gauge interest only. Once the interest has been measured a further discussion will be held on whether to progress in 2014.

RESOLVED

that Councillor Willshaw will amend the flyer and send to the Town Council Office for distribution to the appropriate judges.

**074/13/14****FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Town Clerk presented the Financial Statement as at 31st May 2013.

RESOLVED

that the contents of the Financial Statement be noted.

**075/13/14****ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Feeney-Johnson made a request that we contact all the Town Councillors to ask for possible sponsorship support for the Westmorland Horticultural Society (WHS) event in September. Following on from that, there was a general discussion about how we can link more with the WHS and raise the profile of the Kendal in Bloom Committee.

RESOLVED

1. Janine Holt would email Town Council Members with regard to possible support of the WHS event in September.
2. raising the profile of KIB would be discussed in a meeting scheduled for later in the year.

**076/13/14****DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 at 7.00pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.